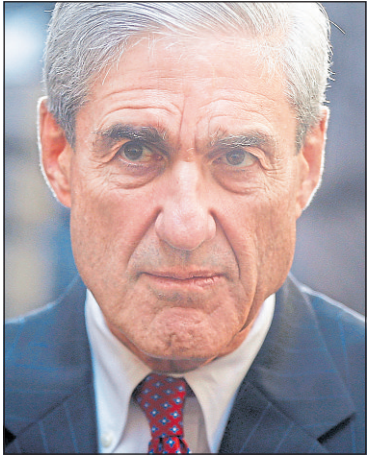


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“The president’s efforts to influence the investigation were mostly unsuccessful ... largely because the persons who surrounded the president declined to carry out his orders or accede to his requests.” Excerpt from Mueller’s report

“No Collusion. No Obstruction. For the haters and the radical left Democrats — Game Over.” President Trump, in a tweet Thursday



ORDERS IGNORED

Trump tried to stop Mueller. Aides thwarted it.



Attorney General William Barr, with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein looking on, answers a question during a news conference Thursday morning prior to the release of a redacted version of Robert Mueller’s report. BILL O’LEARY / Washington Post

By Nancy Benac, Chad Day, Eric Tucker, and Michael Balsamo
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WASHINGTON — Public at last, special counsel Robert Mueller’s report revealed to a waiting nation Thursday that President Donald Trump tried to seize control of the Russia probe and force Mueller’s removal to stop him from investigating potential obstruction of justice by the president. Trump was largely thwarted by those around him who refused to go along.

Mueller laid out multiple episodes in which Trump directed others to influence or curtail the Russia probe after the special counsel’s appointment in May 2017. Those efforts “were mostly unsuccessful, but that is largely because the persons who surrounded the President declined to carry out orders or accede to his requests,” Mueller wrote.

After nearly two years, the two-volume, 448-page redacted report made for riveting reading.

In one particularly dramatic moment, Mueller reported that

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A damning portrait of mendacity and chaos

How Russia tried to dig up support

By Jeremy Roebuck
STAFF WRITER

The announcements on social media all featured the same grim, coal-dust-covered visage of a miner straight from the shafts. The text beneath called on coal workers to turn out in cities across Pennsylvania to show their support for then-presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Reporters were solicited to cover the events. Grassroots organizers and top Republican leaders — including a former governor — were encouraged to lend their support.

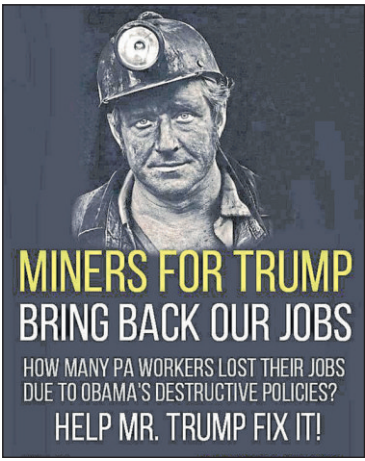
But unbeknownst to any of them, the invitations had come from 4,300 miles away.

Those planned October 2016 Pennsylvania rallies — advertised under the slogan “Miners for Trump” — were just one of the efforts highlighted Thursday in special counsel Robert Mueller’s report on Russian attempts to use social media to sway the 2016 election in Trump’s favor.

Mueller’s findings made only scant mention of the Russians’ efforts to organize demonstrations in the Keystone State — a lone paragraph in the 448-page tome in a section outlining the well-funded

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A “Miners for Trump” rally was announced in October 2016. The Twitter account involved was run from Russia.



By Dan Balz
WASHINGTON POST

The Trump presidency long has been an exercise in normalizing extraordinary behavior, with President Donald Trump repeatedly stretching the limits of what is considered appropriate conduct by the nation’s chief executive.

The report from special counsel Robert Mueller puts into high relief the degree to which Trump has violated the norms.

The principal focus of the special counsel’s investigation was on questions of criminality. But there is more than the issue of what rises to the level of criminal conspiracy or criminal obstruction when judging a president and his administration. These are questions that go to the heart of what is acceptable or normal or advisable in a democracy. On that basis, the Mueller report provides a damning portrait of the president and

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ANALYSIS

WIFE GONE WITHOUT A TRACE

38 years later, husband held in killing

By Vinny Vella
STAFF WRITER

After decades of questioning and prodding, William Korzon allegedly let slip a short question that landed him in prison.

“Did you find the body?” investigators in Bucks County said he asked them earlier this year.

Korzon, 76, was arrested Thursday morning at his home in York County, charged with the murder of his wife, Gloria, who disappeared in 1981 shortly

after leaving work. He also has been charged with forging Gloria’s name on tax documents and greeting cards to “keep up appearances,” and soliciting a neighbor to help him, in an aborted plot, to murder a Warrington Township police officer who was investigating Gloria’s disappearance.

Magisterial District Judge Jean Seaman denied Korzon bail, and he was taken into custody after a short arraignment in Jamison. Keith Williams, a

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